(b) if so, what are the detaiis thereof stating the Central assistance, if any proposed to be given for setting up of the same; and

(c) if answer to part (b) above be in the negative, whether Government would consider the importance of such a training in preventing industrial accidents and environmental hazards?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Proposal to provide housing sites to Backward Classes**

2754. SHRI KOTAIAH PRAGADA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to treat educationally and socially backward classes at par with Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the matter of providing house sites; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) At present there is no proposal under Government's consideration to treat educationally and socially backward classes at par with Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the matter of providing house sites.

**Private Industrial Training Institutes at par with Government I.T.I.s**

2755. SHRI KOTAIAH PRAGADA: Will the the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to treat Industrial Training Institutes in the Private sector at par with I.T.I.s of the State Governments to introduce new trades with the assistance of the World Bank, in case the private I.T.Is. trades are affiliated to the National Council for Vocational Training, New Delhi.

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): No Sir, there is no such proposal under Government's consideration at present.

**Improvement in suburban railway services in Bombay**

2756. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what steps are being taken by Government to improve the Central Railway and Western Railway and suburban railway services in Bombay city?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): A statement is attached. (*See* below)

**Statement**

*Steps taken to improve the suburban Railway services in Bombay.*

**1. Improvement to the Central and Western Railway:**

Improvement to the Railways is a continuous process, depending on the needs and availability of resources.

A. **Central Railway**

A provision of Rs. 362.93 crores has been made in the 1990-91 budget for the Central Railway for new lines, traffic facility works, signalling improvements, electrification of heavy density routes, computerisation of passenger reservation systems, track renewal, remodelling of stations, construction of road overbridges, modernisation of workshops and improvements in other areas and procurement of machinery & plant and rolling stock.

The major works include:

(i) New Lines:

(a) Satna-Rewa

(b) Guna-Etawah

(ii) Traffic facility works:

(a) new passenger terminal at Kurla

(b) augmentation of line capacity of Bombay-Kalyan, Nagpur - Wardha-Bhusaval, Bina-Katni and Bhusaval-Bhopal sections.

(iii) Signalling Improvements:

(a) Banda-Manikpur section

(b) route relay interlocking at Mathura Jn. & Bhusaval.

(iv) Electrification:

(a) Diva-Parvel section

(b) Bina-Katni

(c) Itarsi-Bhusaval

(v) Computerisation:
Computerisation of passenger reservation system at Bhopal.

(vi) Bridges:

Provision of 17 road over-bridges in replacement of level crossings.

(vii) Workshop Modernisation:

(a) modernisation of Parel & Jhansi workshops

(b) a coil spring factory at Sithouli; and

(c) new coach repair workshop at Bhopal.

B. **Western Railway**

A provision of Rs. 320.85 crores has been made in the 1990-91 budget for improvements in different areas spelt out in para A above.

The major works include:

(i) New Lines:

(a) BG line from Kapadvanj to Modasa

(b) BG link between Godhra-Indore and Dewas-Maksi

(ii) Traffic facility works:

(a) new passenger terminal at Bandra

(b) setting up of inland Container Depot at Ahmedabad

(c) passenger and goods terminal in Indore area

(d) extension of platforms at Surat-Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Bharuch, Anand, Nadiad and Valsad.

(iii) Gauge Conversions:

(a) Nadiad to Kapadvanj

(b) Viramgam to Bhildi

(c Phulera to Jodhpur

(d) a parellel BG line between Swaimadhopur and Jaipur.

(iv) Signalling Improvements:

(a) Route relay interlocking at lower Parel

(b) Solid-state interlocking at 5 stations on Virar-Vadodara section

(c) Development of microwave communication on different sections

(d) provision of axle counters at different stations.

(v) Computerisation:

(a) Computerised passenger reservation system at Ahmedabad

(b) Computerised passenger reservation system at Jaipur.

(vi) Bridges:

(a) Replacement of level crossings by 20 over bridges;

(b) A new bridge on Vasai-Creek.

(vii) Modernisation of Workshops:

(a) Modernisation of workshop at Ajmer;

(b) Modernisation of workshop at Kota.

2. **Suburban Railway Services in Bombay City:**

The major works for expansion and improvement of suburban services in Bombay city include:

(a) Works to reduce the frequency from 5 r ·nutes to 4 minutes on

through corridors of the Central Railway;

(b) new line between Mankhurd and Belapur;

(c) additional pairs of lines between Bandra and Andheri with a flyover at Ravli Jn.

(d) remodelling of Bombay V.T. suburban yard.

(e) replacement of level crossings by road over bridge at three locations on the Virar-Churchgate suburban section.

**Demands for fast trains from Bombay**

2757. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is great demand for more fast trains for North India and Southern India from Bombay; ond

(b) if so, what steps are being taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Introduction of new trains/increase in the frequency of existing trains is a continuous process subject to operational feasibility & resource availability. Accordingly w.e.f. May '90 time table, a weekly train was introduced between Dadar & Muzaffarpur besides increasing the frequency of 5113/5114 Bombay—Chhapra Express from bi-weekly to tri-weekly.

**Completion of Manmad-Malegaon Railway Line in Maharashtra**

2758. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a demand to have a Railway Network connecting Manmad and Malegaon and surrounding area in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal to take up the proposed line due to acute constraints of resources for new constructions.

**Ban on registration of sale and purchase of land and other properties in Delhi**

2759. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a ban on registration of sale and purchase of land, houses and other immovable properties in Delhi for the last several years;

(b) whether Government are aware that all the transactions regarding such properties in Delhi are being done on Power of Attorneys;

(c) whether Government are aware that as a result thereof Government are losing a substantial amount which it would have earned through registration fees of such properties;

(d) if so, what is the estimated loss on this account every year; and

(e) whether Government propose to open the registration of immovable properties in Delhi in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) There is no such ban now except in the case of lease-hold properties which can be transferred only subject to the terms of lease.

(b) General Power of Attorney does not transfer title of property to the holder of such power of attorney.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

(e) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.